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SUBJ: CYPRUS: SECOND MORNING NAC, JULY 19

SUMMARY: ALLIES BROADLY SUPPORT UK INITIATIVE TO BRING GREEKS
AND TURKS TO LONDON FOR DISCUSSION RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT, AND ARE SECONDING AT HIGH LEVELS THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S
CALL ON PARTIES TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT. TURKISH REP SAID HIS
GOVERNMENT HAD ACTED BECAUSE IT COULD NOT ACCEPT LEGITIMACY
OF SAMPSON GOVERNMENT, BUT GREEK REP CHALLENGED HIM TO SPECIFY
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FURTHER AIMS OF INVASION. NAC DISCUSSED AND AGREED ON PRESS
STATEMENT (SEPTEL), TOOK NOTE OF REPORTS ALREADY APPEARING
IN PRESS ON FIRST MORNING MEETING, AND AGREED ON NEED FOR TOTAL
DISCRETION IN INDIVIDUAL DELS DEALINGS WITH PRESS. NUMBER OF

REPS INQUIRED ABOUT EVACUATION PLANS. ACTION REQUESTED:
PLEASE KEEP USNATO ABREAST OF EVACUATING PLANNING, INCLUDING
ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR NON-U.S. ALLIED NATIONALS. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER SYG REOPENED NAC DISCUSSION AT 1100 JULY 19, GREEK
REP (CHORAFAS) REPORTED THAT TURKISH REP TULUMEN HAD PERSONALLY
APPEALED TO HIM FOR RESTRAINT AND REPEATED HIS APPEAL ON BEHALF
OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT. HE FOUND THIS CURIOUS AFTER TURKS HAD
INVADED CYPRUS, AND HE FOUND TURKISH CLAIM THAT INVASION WAS FOR
"HUMANITARIAN" REASONS TO BE FALSE.

2. CATALANO (ITALY) SUPPORTED APPEAL OF U.S. PRESIDENT, AND
POINTED OUT THAT ALLIES HAVE THREE DIPLOMATIC INSTRUMENTS THAT
SHOULD BE USED TO THE FULL: (1) THE SECRETARY GENERAL; (2) THE
STRONG AND TACTFUL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UK AS GUARANTOR; AND
(3) THE PRESENCE OF UNDER SECRETARY SISCO IN THE AREA.

3. TURKISH REP TULUMEN SAID HE WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO REPUTE
CHORAFAS, WHO HAD SAID NOTHING NEW, BUT HE WISHED TO STATE THAT
TURKISH ACTIONS WERE INTENDED TO RESTORE ORDER AND CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT ON CYPRUS. TURKEY WOULD WISH TO RE-COMMENCE INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT
PRESENT GREEK CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT AS LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY. TURKS
WOULD NOT SHOOT UNLESS SHOT AT, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO AVOID
ESCALATION. THEY HOPED FOR EARLY NEGOTIATIONS TO RESTORE
SITUATION.

4. TULUMEN SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THERE HAS BEEN
GENERAL MOBILIZATION IN GREECE, AND THAT GREEK TROOPS ARE ON THE
TURKISH BORDER. HE REGRETTED THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION.

5. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) SAID DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED
REGRET THAT BILATERAL CONTACTS HAD NOT RESULTED IN CONCESSIONS
BY GREECE TO MAINTAIN PEACE, AND WAS SEEKING FURTHER DETAILS
ON SISCO'S MISSION FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION.
DUTCH FONMIN PLANNED CALL IN BOTH TURKISH AND GREEK AMBASSADORS
MORNING JULY 20 TO URGE RESTRAINT. NETHERLANDS UNDERSTANDS
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TURKISH ACTION, BUT IN HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER BLOODSHED
WAS ISSUING AN URGENT APPEAL TO PARTIES TO COME TO A PEACFUL
SOLUTION. APPEAL WAS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO GREEK GOVERNMENT
NOT TO ESCALATE SITUATION. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTS UK ACTION TO
BRING PARTIES TOGETHER, AND WILL URGE RESTRAINT IN LINE WITH
MESSAGE BY U.S. PRESIDENT.

6. DESPITE PROTEST BY GREEK PERMREP THAT NETHERLANDS STATEMENT
APPEARED ONE-SIDED, BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE SAID HIS
PRIMEMIN AND FONMIN WOULD CONVENE THE AMBASSADORS OF GREECE AND
TURKEY TO MAKE A SIMILAR STATEMENT. BELGIUM WOULD SUPPORT ANY
ACTIONS BY THE ALLIES TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER.

7. LUXEMBOURG, NORWEGIAN, PORTUGUESE DANISH, AND FRG REPS INTERVENED IN SUCCESSION TO STATE EXPLICIT SUPPORT FOR BOTH U.S. AND UK INITIATIVES TO CONFINE CRISIS. CANADIAN REP (MENZIES) SAID INITIAL EARLY MORNING REACTION OF OTTAWA AUTHORITIES WAS REGRET THAT TURKS HAD RESTORED TO INVASION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SLOWER AND MORE PAINFUL ROUTE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE URGED RESTRAINT ON ALL SIDES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TURKS WOULD DO UTMOST ON CYPRUS TO COOPERATE WITH UNFICYP (WHICH, ACCORDING TO SOME NEWS REPORTS FROM STOCKHOLM, HAD ALREADY ACTED TO INTERPOSE ITSELF IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE WHERE THERE HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK SECTORS ON CYPRUS).

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8. CHORAFAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FIRST PART OF MENZIES' STATEMENT. WITHOUT COMMITTING HIMSELF IN ANY WAY ON GREEK REACTION, CHORAFAS ASKED TULUMEN TO SPECIFY FURTHER WHAT TURKISH AIMS ARE. TULUMEN REPLIED THA TURKISH AIM IS TO PREVENT THE PERPETUATION OF FAIT ACCOMPLI IN CYPRUS. HE REGRETTED THAT OTHERS HAD FOUND IT NECESSARY TO USE THE WORD "INVASION". WHAT IS IMPORTANT NOW IS RESTRAINT, AND AN

EFFORT TO SAVE THE ALLIANCE.

9. IN REPLY TO EARLIER GREEK IMPLICATION THAT UK APPEAL FOR
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TRIPARTITE MEETING IN LONDON IS ONE-SIDED, LOGAN (UK) SAID HE WISHED TO REPEAT FOR THE RECORD EXACTLY WHAT UK WAS TELLING BOTH SIDES, TO THE TURKS, UK WAS REQUESTING A LIMIT ON ANY FIGHTING AND URGENT ATTEMPTS TO BRING ABOUT A CEASE FIRE. THE UK WAS ASKING THE TURKS TO STATE THAT THEY WISHED TO RE-INSTATE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS. TO THE GREEKS, UK WAS URGING RESTRAINT, AVOIDANCE OF ESCALATION, AND AVOIDING ANY STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE OR IMPERIL RELATIONS WITH THE TURKS.

10. RUMSFELD (U.S.) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION FROM SECRETARY GENERAL, CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND WELCOMED STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR UK AND U.S. INITIATIVES. RUMSFELD REPORTED ON SOME PUBLIC STATEMENT BY U.S.G. MENTIONED EXISTENCE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR SCALI IN UN, AND GAVE BRIEF ADDITIONAL FACTS AS TO CURRENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS DRAWN FROM UNCLASSIFIED REPORTS AS UNDERSTOOD BY U.S. FROM PRESS REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION.

1. SYG SAID IT WAS EVIDENT THERE WAS BROAD SUPPORT FOR U.S. AND UK INITIATIVES, AND ALLIES ALL AGREED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY ACTION THAT WOULD PRECLUDE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS.

12. REPORTING FURTHER ON FRG ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. AND UK, FRG REP SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAD SENT MESSAGES TO SAME INTENT TO CHIEFS OF GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS.

13. SYG THEN PROPOSED THAT NAC SHOULD AGREE ON THE EXACT TEXT OF A STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS. (SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TEXT HAS BEEN SENT SEPTTEL.) IT WAS AGREED THAT NAC WOULD RECONVENE AT 3 PM IN SITUATION CENTER FOR MILITARY BRIEFING.

14. LUNS READ DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT WHICH CHARACTERIZED UK INITIATIVE AS CALLED FOR RESTORATION OF PEACE, SECURITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. CHORAFAS OBJECTED TO REFERENCE TO CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. TULUMEN SAID THIS INTERVENTION BY CHORAFAS WAS PROOF OF GREEK INTENTIONS. IF CHORAFAS DID NOT
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AGREE TO ITS INCLUSION, TULUMEN WOULD BE THE FIRST TO INFORM THE PRESS. LUNS THOUGHT THAT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CONSTITUTIONAL

ORDER, STATEMENT WOULD BE LOPSIDED. LOGAN SAID THAT NATO SPOKESMAN WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ASKED WHAT CONSTITUTED CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, AND THIS COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES. THEREFORE IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO UK TO SIMPLY MENTION BRITISH INITIATIVE IN PRESS STATEMENT WITHOUT DESCRIBING IT. CHORAFAS AGREED WITH UK SUGGESTION. HE ADDED WITH RESPECT TO TULUMEN'S REMARK ABOUT PROOF OF INTENTIONS, THAT AN ENORMOUS PROOF WAS IN FRONT OF US: THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS. CONSENSUS IN NAC WAS TO HANDLE UK INITIATIVE IN PRESS STATEMENT AS SUGGESTED BY LOGAN.

15. RUMSFELD READ FROM A UPI TICKER JUST RECEIVED CITING "NATO SPOKESMEN," WHICH ATTEMPTED TO CHARACTERIZE SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS AT THIS NAC MEETING. HE STRESSED THE NEED AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME TO REMIND STAFFS OF ALL CONCERNED OF DANGER OF AD LIBBING TO THE PRESS, AND NEED FOR NATO SPOKESMAN TO STICK TO THE COMMUNIQUE. LUNS WAS SURE NATO SPOKESMEN NOT RESPONSIBLE. HE ALSO READ A REUTERS DISPATCH WHICH (ACCURATELY) DESCRIBED SOME OF THE DISCUSSION AT THIS NAC MEETING. HE AGREED ENTIRELY WITH RUMSFELD'S REMARKS ON NEED FOR DISCRETION WITH THE PRESS. DE ROSE SAID REUTERS OBVIOUSLY IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE ATTENDING THE NAC MEETING AND JOINED RUMSFELD AND LUNS ON NEED FOR DISCRETION. RANTZAU SAID HE WILL RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT HEIGHTEN TENSION IN ANY WAY.

16. DE STAERCKE RAISED QUESTION OF TOURISTS PRESENTLY IN CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY. SVART RAISED POSSIBILITY OF MULTI-NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING. LUNS DOUBTED NATO WAS BEST FORUM FOR THIS. RANTZAU NOTED EVACUATION OF TOURISTS PRESENTLY IN HANDS OF PRIVATE TOURIST COMPANIES, AND NATO COORDINATION SEEMED UNNECESSARY. LUNS ASKED THE GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES TO INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF CONCERN EXPRESSED IN THE NAC OVER TOURISTS IN CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY. BUWALDA CITED PRESS REPORTS ON CLOSING OF CIVILIAN AIRPORTS IN GREECE, WHICH WOULD CAUSE GRAVE DIFFICULTIES FOR TOURISTS. LOGAN SAID UK HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NICOSIA ALREADY ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO PROBLEM OF BRITISH AND OTHER TOURISTS IN CYPRUS. PEOPLE ON THE SPOT SHOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. RUMSFELD DID NOT THINK THIS WAS A SUBJECT FOR NATO AT THIS TIME. HE SAID EACH
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COUNTRY HAS BEEN IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS BEFORE, AWARE OF MILITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IS CONSIDERING SAFETY OF NATIONALS.

17. LOGAN ANNOUNCED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CABLE INFORMING HIM INTERCOMMUNAL FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT ON CYPRUS, ESPECIALLY IN LIMASSOL. GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE ATTACKING TURKISH QUARTERS. THE UK HAS THEREFORE SENT INSTRUCTIONS CALLING UK BASE FAMILIES INTO BASE PERIMETERS. MARINE COMMANDO SENT TO PROTECT BRITISH AREAS. UK CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT THESE MOVES BE UNDERSTOOD AS NOT AGGRESSIVE, BUT DESIGNED TO PROTECT BRITISH CITIZENS AND SOVEREIGN BASES.

18. CHORAFAS, AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT NO ONE AT MEETING HAD SEEN FIT TO RAISE HIS VOICE AGAINST TURKISH AGGRESION.

19. AMBASSADOR SVART CALLED RUMSFELD AFTER MEETING TO REPEAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT PLANNING FOR EVAUCATION OF ALLIED NATIONAL NON-COMBATANTS FROM GREECE AND TURKEY AS WELL AS CYPRUS. RUMSFLED SAID HE WOULD SEEK INFORMATION ON THIS. COMMENT: THIS SUBJECT WILL COME UP AGAIN AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF USNATO WERE KEPT ABREAST OF ANY PLANNING, INCLUDING ANY POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION OF NON-U.S. ALLIED NATIONALS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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